

Lastly. This order to remain in force until further order be taken by us or the next General Sessions. [S.R., xx, 37, 38.]

John Wyndham.

John Trevelyan.

37. An order made by Sir Thos. Bridges, Knt., and Francis Baber, Esq., on the 14th June, 12 James (1614) touching the base born child of Margaret Adhames of Compton Dando, of which she confesseth that Thomas Ingham, gent, is the father.

Inprimis we order that Thomas Ingham shall from the day of the birth of the said child pay viij pence weekly to the overseers and churchwardens, until the child be bound apprentice or otherwise provided for, every Sunday after thend of morning prayer.

We do order that the mother shall keep the child without charging the said parish if she shall be found fit and able; and if she refuse then she shall pay viii pence weekly to the overseers.

As soon as this order has been made known to the parents, they shall put in good bond with sureties for the discharge of the parish and for the payment of the money.

Item. We do lastly order that the said Margaret Addames (*sic*) shall be conveyed by the tithyngman of Compton to the town of Pensford on the next market day after the publication of this our order; and be stripped from the shoulders to the waist and whipped about the market for an example to others to avoid the like offence. And as there is no certain ground or vehement presumption to inflict the same punishment on the reputed father, we therefore leave him to the judgement of the ordinary in that case to deal with him.

Thomas Bridges. Fra. Baber. [S.R., xx, 39.]

38. An order set down and established by Thos. Bridges, Knt., and Francis Baber, Esq. touching the base-born child of Magdalen Fewell of Burnett, late of Old Sodbury in Gloucestershire, where she was in service with Roger Horton, gent, by Nathaniel Abbott, at that time in the same service, who is charged to be the father of the child.

Inprimis. We do order that Nath. Abbott to pay ten pence weekly to the overseers and churchwardens of Burnett for the relief and maintenance of the poor, which sum is to be paid every Sunday in church after morning prayer, until the child is able to maintain itself.

Item. We do order Thomas Kinton of Marston Biggott, being the deputy tithyngman of Mar. B., when Magdalen Fewell was committed to the house of correction by Robert Hopton, esq., for the wilful and negligent escape of the said Magdalen, to pay weekly the sum of vi pence, and x shillings, the same to be paid to the overseers in the parish church there every Sunday after morning prayer with tharrerages after the rate of vi pence weekly from the 7th day of October last past.

Item. The said Magdalen Fewell shall keep the child, or in case of refusal pay vi pence weekly for his maintenance.

We do likewise order that the said Magdalen Fewell for her further punishment shall be by the officers of Burnett stript naked from her middle upwards and by them shall be two several times whipped until her body be "bluddy" in manner and form following, vizt., the first at Penceford upon the next market day after she shall be taken, the second and last time at Burnet, to be done by the overseers of B. next after such time as she shall be apprehended by the said officers; and if either of the said parties shall refuse to abide this our said order, to be brought before us by the tithyngman that we may proceed against them according to the law.

Thomas Bridges. Fra. Baber. [S.R., xx, 40.]